

Five things you need to know today



Edinburgh blogs – The Edinburgh Schools Film Competition – Tonight at The Queen’s Hall – Balerno Village Screen -Top Tweeters?

There are many people in Edinburgh who find time to blog. [Our Lord Provost has just started his own blog](#) quite recently and writes this week about his new appointment as the city’s Volunteer Ambassador. We have a [list of Edinburgh bloggers here](#) which we would love to update. Are you a blogger? Then tell us a little about yourself and get on the list! theedinburghreporter@gmail.com

A reminder to schools, and particularly teachers who might be finding a few moments to relax during this half-term week, that the Edinburgh International Film Festival has launched a competition for short films. The deadlines for entries are in April.

Screen Education Edinburgh and the Edinburgh International Film Festival opened entries for short films to the Edinburgh Schools Film Competition this month. Open to all nursery, primary, secondary and special schools in Edinburgh the Competition will allow films being selected to share the Festival programme with the leading filmmakers from around the world. Work is viewed and selected by a Young People’s Jury who also coordinate and present the award ceremony during the Festival in June.

The project is a partnership between Screen Education Edinburgh, EIFF and City of Edinburgh Council Children and

Families Department. In 2012 over 150 films were entered by 38 city schools, which included Primary, Secondary, Special Schools and one Nursery. The ten Young Jurors selected the final 40 films which were shown during EIFF, with awards given to sixteen of these.

Nicola Kettlewood, Education & Learning Events Manager at EIFF said: "This has become one of my highlights of the Festival; it's fantastic to have hundreds of Edinburgh school children, from nursery to secondary pupils, so excited to see their work screening as part of the Festival. To have these programmes selected and presented by our youth juries is hugely important and it is great to see these young people develop in confidence through the project."

James McKenzie, Project Manager at Screen Education Edinburgh said: 'This is a magnificent opportunity for Edinburgh's young filmmakers to have their works screened at one of the oldest and most prestigious festivals in the world. Last year's event and awards ceremony was one of the highlights of the SEE calendar. On the day of the awards ceremony there was a real sense of tension and excitement, as our young jury members read out the winning entries'.

Linda Lees, Manager Arts & learning at City of Edinburgh Council added: "The Edinburgh Schools Film Competition is an opportunity for young filmmakers to screen their work alongside the very best International directors. We are delighted to be working in partnership with the Edinburgh International Film Festival, and look forward to the screenings in June."

The deadline for submitting films is 5:00pm, Friday 12th April for all Nursery, Special, Primary and Secondary schools, whilst, by agreement, the deadline for Higher Media and Higher Art & Design students is 5:00pm, Friday 26th April.

The Scottish Ensemble play tonight at The Queen's Hall – and you are promised ear worms (that means memorable tunes you will be humming all weekend!) [Booking details here.](#)

Geminiani: [Concerto Grosso 'La Follia'](#)

Górecki: [Harpsichord Concerto](#)

Vaughan Williams: [Violin Concerto in D 'Concerto Accademico'](#)

Holst: [St Paul's Suite](#)

Górecki: [Three Pieces in Old Style](#)

Vivaldi: [Concerto Grosso op.3 no. 10 RV 580 in B minor](#)

Britten: [Simple Symphony](#)

In March the Balerno Village Screen is showing Brave and Skyfall, but you will have to be fast if you want tickets. More information on the [Village Screen website.](#)

Edinburgh Evening News published their [list of top Edinburgh tweeters yesterday](#). While we were a bit miffed not to be on it....we wonder if you might like to suggest who you think should be on the list of people in Edinburgh who you consider to be your top tweeters...

Go for it! Give us your suggestions below!

And in other news.... We are delighted that the nice people at STV Edinburgh have made a different list of influential Edinburgh tweeters – [and we made the cut!](#)